

PCT Rec'd 21 DEC 2000

Attorney's Docket No.: 0-007001 / BP100140/EH/TUK

5 Apr
5/5/01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Helena Seppanen et al. Art Unit : Unknown
Serial No. : 09/646,204 Examiner : Unknown
Filed : September 14, 2000
International Application: PCT/FI00/00031
International Filing Date: 18 January 2000
Title : PURIFICATION PROCESS USING MAGNETIC PARTICLES

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

In claim 9, line 1, delete "any of claims 1-8" and substitute --claim 1--.

REMARKS

Claim 9 has been amended for better conformance with the requirements of U.S. practice.
We submit that no new matter has been introduced.
Filed herewith under separate cover is an information disclosure statement.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

Express Mail Label No. EI 224698627US

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.10 that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Trademarks, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-3513.

December 21, 2000

Date of Deposit

Victor Mahoney

Signature

Victor Mahoney

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate

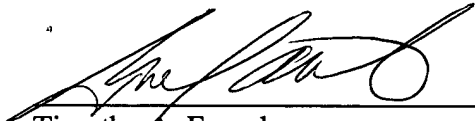
Applicant : Helena Seppane
Serial No. : 09/646,204
Filed : September 14, 2000
International Application: PCT/FI00/00031
International Filing Date: 18 January 2000
Page : 2

Attorney's Docket No.: 09910-
007001 / BP100140/EH/TUK

Applicants submit that this application is condition for examination. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 21, 2000



Timothy A. French
Reg. No. 30,175

Fish & Richardson P.C.
225 Franklin Street
Boston, MA 02110-2804
Telephone: (617) 542-5070
Facsimile: (617) 542-8906

20129071.doc